

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method for fabricating a counter electrode for a dye-sensitized solar cell, the method comprising:  
  
co-sputtering platinum and a metal oxide as target materials onto a substrate; and  
  
forming a counter electrode including nanocrystalline platinum and an amorphous metal oxide on the substrate, wherein the counter electrode has a non-layered structure; ~~and~~  
  
contacting the counter electrode with a light absorbing dye, wherein the metal oxide comprises a metal having an open structure and wherein the metal oxide is selected from oxides of tantalum and silicon.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal oxide has a refractive index of 2 or higher.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal oxide has an electric conductivity of at least 0.1 S/m.

5-14. (Canceled)